

shall be completed, or the terms of imprisonment expire.

SEC. 4. That the number of convicts assigned directly from the courts, as provided in the preceding section, shall be in addition to the number to be furnished as provided in the first section of this act, and shall be worked and controlled in the same manner as the convicts sent directly from the penitentiary.

Prisoners furnished to be in addition to convicts received.

SEC. 5. That the effect of this act shall not be to reduce the force of convicts employed on the Western North Carolina Railroad below the number now at work on said road.

Convicts on W. N. C. R. not to be reduced.

SEC. 6. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 7th day of March, A. D. 1879.

CHAPTER 137.

AN ACT SUPPLEMENTARY TO AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE WORKING OF CONVICTS ON THE ORE KNOB AND MOUNT AIRY NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD, AND THE CHESTER AND LENOIR, AND THE CALDWELL AND WATAUGA NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD, AND THE WINSTON, MOORESVILLE AND SALEM RAILROAD, AND THE STATESVILLE AIR-LINE RAILROAD COMPANY, AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CONVICTS FROM ONE OF SAID RAILROAD COMPANIES TO THE OTHER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :

SECTION 1. That the president and directors of the Chester and Lenoir, and the Caldwell and Watauga Narrow Gauge Railroad Companies, the Winston, Mooresville and Salem Railroad, and the Statesville Air-Line Railroad Company, may, whenever they may find it to be to their

Transfer of convicts authorized.